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SUBJECT: EXCHANGE WITH BURUNDI CHARGE

1. BURUNDI CHARGE NKUNDWA CALLED MAY 7. HE EXPRESSED SOME DISTRESS AND LACK OF COMPREHENSION OVER WHAT HE THOUGHT WAS "LINKAGE" OF BURUNDI WITH UGANDA IN PRESS REPORTS OF CRITICAL COMMENTS IN AFRICAN SECTION OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S FOREIGN POLICY REPORT. HE SAID CONDITIONS IN BURUNDI TODAY ARE CALM, RELATIONS WITH USG ARE VERY GOOD, THERE IS NO ANTI- AMERICAN SENTIMENT IN OFFICIAL CIRCLES OR AMONG PEOPLE, AND SITUATION THERE HAS NO RELATION TO TURMOIL AND HOSTILITY PREVAILING IN UGANDA.

2. I GAVE NKUNDWA COPY OF RELEVANT PORTION OF PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND POINTED OUT THERE WAS NO INTENTION OF DRAWING SIMILARITIES BETWEEN SITUATIONS IN TWO COUNTRIES OF BURUNDI AND UGANDA. REPORT HAD CITED THESE AS TWO UNRELATED "DIS-APPOINTMENTS" ON AFRICAN SCENE IN 1972. AFTER READING PASSAGES IN QUESTION NKUNDWA AGREED WITH MY INTERPRETATION. ALSO GAVE HIM TO READ PORTIONS ON BURUNDI AND UGANDA IN SECRETARY'S 1972 FOREIGN POLICY REPORT.

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3. TURNING TO INTERNAL UGANDAN SITUATION, NKUNDWA WONDERED

IF ANY OF FORMER MINISTERS WOULD SHOW UP FOR MEETING WITH AMIN TODAY. HE NOTED THAT HE HAS SEEN ONLY ONE EX- MINISTER IN PAST TWO MONTHS-- BYAGAGAIRE, WHO ATTENDED FOOTBALL MATCH MAY 6.

(1 SOLICE, A PIPE

BOMB WAS DETONATED ON THE SIDEWALK AT 30 DIMITRIOU SOUTSOU STREET, ATHENS, IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF EMBASSY BUT NOT VISIBLE FROM IT. NO AMERICAN CARS WERE IN THE VICINITY AND NO AMERICANS LIVE IN THE APARTMENT HOUSE. HOWEVER, JOHN XYDOPOULOS, MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE GREEK CULTURAL MOVEMENT RESIDES IN THE APARTMENT HOUSE. EXPLOSION BLEW OUT WINDOWS BUT NO PERSONAL INJURY RESULTED.

4. POLICE ARE CONCERNED THAT LATTER INCIDENT TOOK PLACE SO CLOSE TO EMBASSY AND RESIDENCE AND ARE STRENGTHENING PATROLS AND OTHER MEASURES. THEY REPORT PIPE BOMBS USED IN THESE INCIDENTS ARE SIMILAR IN CONCEPT AND DESIGN TO THOSE USED IN CURRENT SERIES OF BOMBINGS.

5. COMMENT: THE PIPE BOMBS USED IN CURRENT SERIES ARE FUSED DEVICES INCORPORATING SHARAPNEL AND INCENDIARY EFFECT. HIGH RISK OF DISCOVERY IS INHERENT IN PLACING OF THESE DEVICES AND RISK HEIGHTENED BY RECENT TACTICAL CHANGE IN PLACING THEM IN ATHENS PROPER RATHER THAN SUBURBS.

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